



# Padgate Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, the Government has moved the country to the Delay Stage of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This currently means schools should continue to stay open and that students should continue to attend school. However, students should not attend school if they have Coronavirus symptoms, however mild.

Coronavirus symptoms include:

- a **new** and continuous cough (this means you have started coughing repeatedly)
- a high temperature (you feel hot to touch on your chest or back)

For more information please go to:

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19/> or [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)

Also, if NHS 111 or a medical practitioner advises a student to self-isolate, they must not attend school. Under current guidance, students who experience these symptoms or circumstances should not come into school for at least 7 days. Whilst we have been planning for this situation for some time, we know that this will cause turbulence in school. This is because we will have to manage unprecedented levels of staff and student absence.

### How can you help?

- If you suspect your son or daughter has any symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not send them into school.
- Please let us know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is either ill or is self-isolating because of Coronavirus symptoms.

Information will follow on our website on how absent students continue studying. In the meantime, students should utilise on-line learning platforms already in use, e.g. Seneca, MathsWatch and Kerboodle.

We anticipate an unprecedented level of absence related phone calls. Therefore, if you have to report an absence, we would prefer you to use our dedicated absence email which is [attendance@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@padgateacademy.co.uk) Please provide the following information in the event of having to report an absence:

- Name of your child
- Year Group and Form Group
- Reason for absence e.g.
  - Coronavirus symptoms
  - Self-isolating because of medical advice
  - Other (please state)

We will issue further guidance on a regular basis through the school website, social media and the SIMS Parent app which we recommend you also download if you haven't already done so. Instructions for doing this have previously been emailed out. If you have still not received an invite please email [info@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@padgateacademy.co.uk)

These are unprecedented times for us all, but we are confident that if we all pull together we will be able to manage it effectively.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Barclay, Principal

